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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN/IDP CRISIS: POLAND DONATING EUR 300,000  
TO ICRC

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¶1. (SBU) EconOff delivered reftel demarche May 19 to Krzysztof Buzalski from the Polish MFA's Department of Economic Cooperation. On May 17, the Polish government announced an immediate transfer of EUR 300,000 through the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The Polish Embassy in Islamabad had recommended that the donation be channeled either through the ICRC or UNHCR, rather than delivered directly to the Pakistani government. Buzalski was interested in information on the mechanisms the USG will use to deliver its aid contribution. The Poles will continue to monitor events in the Northwest Frontier Province, and regret that the number of refugees is increasing, but stated they hope the current operations will be successful against the insurgents, and noted the importance of such success to ISAF's mission in Afghanistan. Notwithstanding Poland's immediate response to the current crisis, Pakistan has not been a focus of Polish aid efforts, and there are no plans to provide Polish project assistance to Pakistan.

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